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## 2020 Annual Meeting Legislative Report

All contents summarized in this report has previously been stated in the weekly e-newsletter so this report will be brief. The Association has secured the services of a new lobbyist, Trevor Clatfelter, who has aided Executive Director Grant Hammer and staff to develop a new approach and raise the bar for the Association in lobbying efforts. Covid-19 meeting restrictions significantly reduced the legislative calendar, but the Association developed several public media announcements including Op-Ed articles, Conservation Catchall and an Annual Conservation Report in new formats and excellent presentation materials that were distributed at appropriate times.

The results include: The disbursement of the 2020 fiscal year state appropriated Operations funds and Cost Share funds. These were last minute, but the important thing is SWCD Districts did receive. The State 2021 fiscal budget for SWCD is approved at level funding. Considering the fiscal events of the past six months we consider this a successful year for the legislative efforts on behalf of the SWCD Conservation Districts of Illinois.